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1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS JULY 17 HEADLINED NYERERE'S COMMENTS TO VISITING BURUNDI FOREIGN MINISTER SIMBANANIYE. NYERERE REPORTEDLY TOLD SIMBANANIYE THERE IS NO DISPUTE BETWEEN TANZANIA AND BURUNDI AND NO OUTSIDE MEDIATORS ARE NEEDED. ONLY OBSTACLE BETWEEN "TWO SISTER REPUBLICS" IS BURUNDI' MARCH 15 AND JUNE 29 ATTACK ON TANZANIA. ON TANZANIAN DOCKWORKERS BOYCOTT OF BURUNDI GOODS, NYERERE SAID
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THIS IS LEGITIMATE ACT BY WORKERS WHO ARE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY

WITH PEOPLE KILLED IN TANZANIA. NYERERE TOLD SIMBANANIYE THAT TANZANIA IS AWARE OF BURUNDI'S BIG INTERNAL PROBLEM WHICH MUST BE ACCEPTED. MEETING WAS ATTENDED BY TANZANIA FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA AND BURUNDI AMBASSADOR MANGONA.

2. IN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL, GOVERNMENT-OWNED PAPER ARGUED: "ONE OF METHODS USED BY REGIMES IN TROUBLE IS POSTPONE SEARCH FOR SOLUTIONS TO SUCH TROUBLE IS TO DIVERT ATTENTION OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE BY INVOKING BOGEY OF EXTERNAL ENEMY OR ENEMIES. TO ANY REALISTIC STUDENT OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS, THIS IS WHAT REGIME OF PRESIDENT MICHAEL MICHOMBERO OF BURUNDI HAS BEEN ATTEMPTING IN PAST FEW MONTHS." EDITORIAL ADDED THAT "WORLD MUST REFLECT ON THIS NEW SIN, IN BURUNDI WHICH IS TO BE BORN HUTU. INDEED WORLD MUST THINK WHETHER IT WILL CONTINUE TO CONDONE WHOLESOME LIQUIDATION OF ENTIRE ETHNIC GROUP WHOSE ONLY CRIME IS TO BE MAJORITY IN COUNTRY WHERE MINORITY REFUSES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT REALITY," EDITORIAL LEFT FOLLOWING PARTING ADVISE: "THERE ARE SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEM IN BURUNDI. TANZANIA'S FRATERNAL ADVISE IS THAT BURUNDI AUTHORITIES SHOULD STOP BEHAVING LIKE CHILDREN. THEY MUST ACCEPT THESE PROBLEMS AND FIND AMICABLE SOLUTIONS TO THEM IN INTEREST OF PEACE AND PROGRESS OF THEIR PEOPLE."
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